

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dennis W. Hagny has devoted more than 40 years to advancing the ambitions and objectives of the rural electric program, including serving as Chief Executive Officer; and,

Whereas, Dennis has spent the past 24 years serving the members of Northern Electric Cooperative with integrity as their general manager, representing the company on national and state boards, associations, and task forces; and,

Whereas, Dennis contributed to Northern Electric's growth from a basic electric service provider into a progressive electric system serving more than 6,000 residential, farm, and industrial consumers. During his tenure, Dennis' innovation led to the creation of NRCTV, North Central Area Interconnect and WOWnet; and,

Whereas, Dennis was a founding member of the Rural Electric Economic Development Revolving Fund (REED) – a nonprofit corporation that provides financing for projects in small communities and rural areas in South Dakota which has created more than 3,000 jobs. Dennis helped support the financing and construction of a 150-acre industrial "smart park" and housing development in Brown County; and,

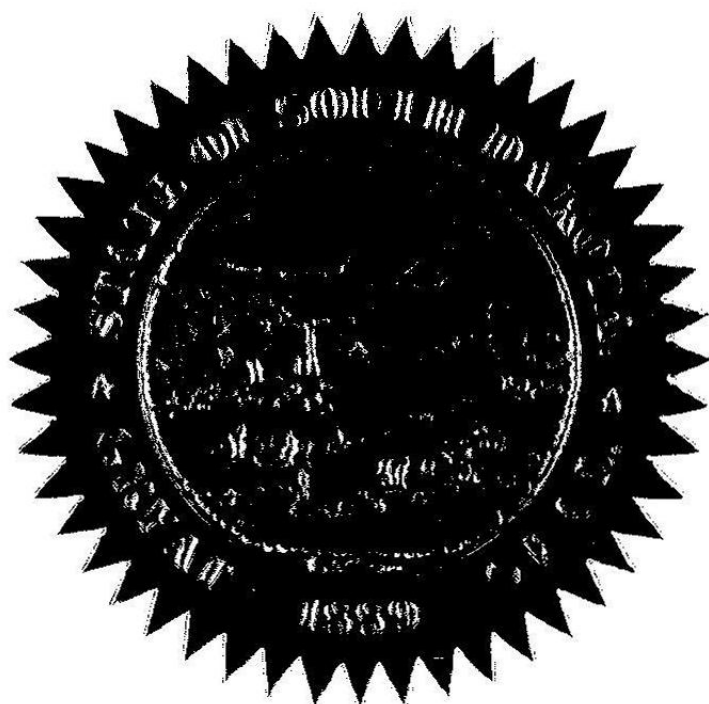
Whereas, Dennis, a South Dakota native, has dedicated himself to improving the conditions of the communities he serves by taking an active role in economic development and serving on numerous boards and organizations including St. Luke's Hospital, Presentation College, Aberdeen Development Corporation, South Dakota Rural Enterprise, and a regional advisory board for the Governor's Office of Economic Development; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper to recognize Dennis' outstanding service to the rural electrification program and his community:

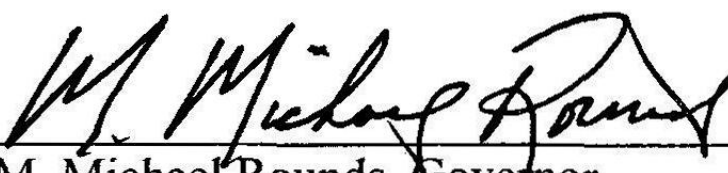
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2005, as

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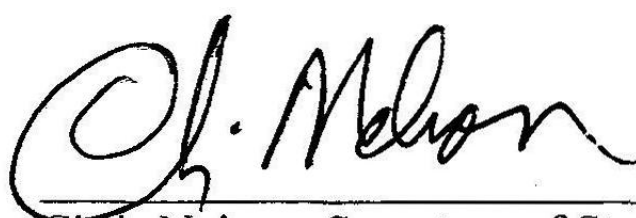
in South Dakota, and I join his family, colleagues and friends in wishing him a fulfilling, healthy, and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State